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SUBJECT: 30TH UNGA - SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE: APARTHEID

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1. AT SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE (SPC) MEETING 29 OCT 1975, BELGIUM INTRODUCED AMENDMENTS CO-SPONSORED BY NETHERLANDS AND LUXEMBOURG TO THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON POLICIES OF APARTHEID OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA - BANTUSTANS, PER REFERENCE, AS FOLLOWS: (1) CHANGE PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH THREE TO READ; "REAFFIRMING THE LEGITIMACY OF THE STRUGGLE IN SOUTH AFRICA, IRRESPECTIVE OF RACE, COLOR AND CREED, FOR THE TOTAL ERADICATION OF APARTHEID AND ANY FORM OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION;" (2) ADD AN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH FOUR TO READ; "CALLS ON THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA TO CEASE ALL EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH BANTUSTANS AND TO CONFORM TO THE PRINCIPLES EXPRESSED IN THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER."

2. GRUMBLING FROM ALGERIAN AND ZAIRE DELEGATES SUGGEST THEY UNCLASSIFIED

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ARE NOT HAPPY WITH THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, AND THE

NON-ALIGNED SPONSORS OF THE ORIGINAL RESOLUTION WERE CAUGHT BY SURPRISE. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION AFTER THE INTRODUCTION, BELGIAN DELEGATE TOLD MISSION OFFICER THIS DECISION MADE AT LUNCH TIME TODAY; EUROPEAN DELEGATES, HE OBSERVED, RESENTED THE PASSIVE ROLE THEY HAVE PLAYED UP TO NOW AND DECIDED TO DO SOMETHING. BELGIAN APOLOGIZED FOR NOT HAVING INFORMED U.S. DELEGATION BEFOREHAND OF THEIR PROPOSAL. HE ASKED FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE TO RALLY VOTES FOR THE AMENDMENTS, EVEN IF THE U.S. FELT IT WOULD HAVE TO ABSTAIN ON FINAL DOCUMENT. HE HOPED, OF COURSE, U.S. COULD VOTE FOR AMENDMENTS AND THE FINAL RESOLUTION.

3. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN DETERMINED TO FINISH APARTHEID DEBATE ON 31 OCTOBER. IT CONCEIVABLE, THOUGH NOT LIKELY, THAT VOTE ON AMENDMENTS MAY COME ON 30 OCTOBER. MISSION FEELS IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF U.S. COULD SUPPORT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BANTUSTAN RESOLUTION, AND LOBBY FOR VOTE SUPPORT. INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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